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THE GEORGE-ANNE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

Students split on Nikel controversy

Debate over liquor laws, ladies' night is overblown, say some students

By Adam Crisp
Managing editor

Activists' pleas to tighten the belt on underage drinking at local bars is drawing a mixed reaction from students.

A day after 100 or so locals packed the Statesboro City Hall, painting a dangerous picture of the drinking and partying at The Woodin Nikel, students are split on whether Statesboro officials should limit free drinks and step up enforcement of underage drinking.

At target in the recent hailstorm of controversy: Ladies' Lock-Up at the Nikel, where women are allowed free entry and free drinks from 9-11 p.m. After 11, men are allowed into the bar.

Laura Milner, a Georgia Southern professor who presented the group's complaint Tuesday, said the lock-ins create a dangerous situation where intoxicated girls are vulnerable to

sexual assault.

But not all students agree. "You can't blame the bar," said senior Adam Brantley. "I think the Nikel is as safe as any other place in Statesboro. They have as many bouncers, if not more, than any other bar around."

Brantley, who has visited the Nikel after the Ladies' Lock-Up ended, said Milner's assertions that men wait to pounce on the inebriated co-eds was an exaggeration.

"It's just a way to get a lot of girls at the bar," he said of the Lock-Up. "It's not like a ton of guys run there on Wednesday. It's just a good drink special."

Crystal Noll, a senior who supports the group aiming for a tightening on Statesboro liquor laws, said the group isn't aiming to have the Nikel closed or to even end ladies' nights at local bars.

"We simply want to restructure it in a way that makes everyone happy," said Noll. "We don't want girls to be

pushed to where they end up in some guy's bed."

Milner, who served as the spokesperson Tuesday, said she isn't the leader of the group. She is simply the spokesperson for a loosely organized group of concerned locals.

"I've probably gotten 8-10 phone calls giving support and asking how to help (since Tuesday's meeting)," said Milner Wednesday afternoon. She said parents, students and other professors had called to pledge help. "So far, I haven't received any negative response."

Much of the attention at Tuesday's meeting fell on Statesboro City Councilman Will Britt, who owns the Nikel and other Statesboro bars. Britt defended himself with a statement during the meeting and then spoke afterward to the local media.

Milner denied Britt's assertions that the students at Tuesday's meeting were brought there with promises of extra credit.

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Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

A bouncer walks near a scarcely-populated Woodin Nikel Wednesday evening. Security at the bar prevented G-A photographers from taking more photos.

ID swiping at games declined

By Rachel Weeks
Staff writer

Students still need to bring their Eagle IDs to Saturday's football game against UT Chattanooga, but they will not have to wait in line while the cards are scanned.

For the first time at Georgia Southern's first home game earlier this month, attempts were made to scan each student's Eagle ID and students were only allowed to enter through Gate One. The scanning was scrapped halfway through the game as lines backed up and the four scanners were not enough to keep the estimated 11,816 students who attended the game moving.

According to Keith Roughton, assistant athletic director, the ID scanning will not be taking place at this

"We're doing away with the scanning system and all six gates will be available to enter."

Keith Roughton
Asst. Athletic Director

weekend's game. "We have decided that the technology we are using is not conducive to admitting students in a speedy manner. So to make it easier for them to enter, students will be allowed to enter at any gate when they present their Eagle ID."

Roughton expects the crowd to be less than the home opener, estimating between six and nine thousand students will be in attendance. The ticket office will go back to using counting machines to keep track of the number of students who attend the game.



Adam Crisp/STAFF

Students will still have to present their IDs at football games, but the school will not scan the cards as was the practice at the last game.

Hurricane Rita up to a Category 5, more evacuations planned

By Pam Easton
Associated Press

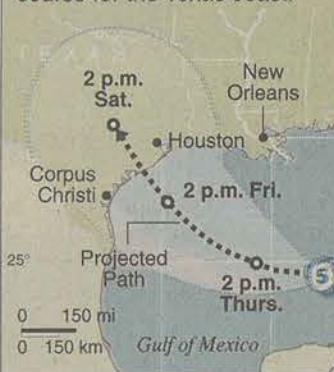
GALVESTON, Texas - Gaining strength with frightening speed, Hurricane Rita swirled toward the Gulf Coast a Category 5, 165-mph monster Wednesday as more than 1.3 million people in Texas and Louisiana were sent packing on orders from authorities who learned a bitter lesson from Katrina.

"It's scary. It's really scary," Shalonda Dunn said as she and her 5- and 9-year-old daughters waited to board a bus arranged by emergency authorities in Galveston.

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Getting stronger

Hurricane Rita reached category 5 status Wednesday, still on course for the Texas coast.



SOURCES: NOAA; Weather Underground; ESI

Sony recalls PS2 adapters for potential safety problems

Melting, damage prompt video game company to make pull

By Cheryl Frost
Staff writer

Video games may be hazardous to the health of some PlayStation 2 gamers. Sony Computer Entertainment America is recalling AC adapters included with certain slim versions of PS2 because of overheating.

Rick Heineman, a spokesperson for Sony, said there had been 38 reports of faulty adapters throughout North America. Most of the complaints, he said, were of melting. Among the

rest were four reports of property damage, two minor burns and one report of minor static shock. Though the reports have, so far, only come from North America, the company is extending the recall to Japan and some European areas.

Not all of the adapters for PlayStation 2 consoles are defective. The recall only applies to slim-line models purchased after October 2004, model numbers SCPH-70011 or SCPH-70012. The model number can be found on a label at the base of the console and the date on the back of the adapter.

"If you think you may have one of these," said Heineman, "carefully unplug the adapter, let it cool, and check the numbers."

Sony will replace defective adapters at no cost. Consumers can call 1-888-780-7690 or visit www.us.playstation.com/adaptor to verify whether or not their unit is affected. If so, Sony will send the customer a replacement adapter along with prepaid packing supplies to return the old one. They will not replace any models other than those involved in the recall and customers can not get their replacements at the store in which they bought the system.

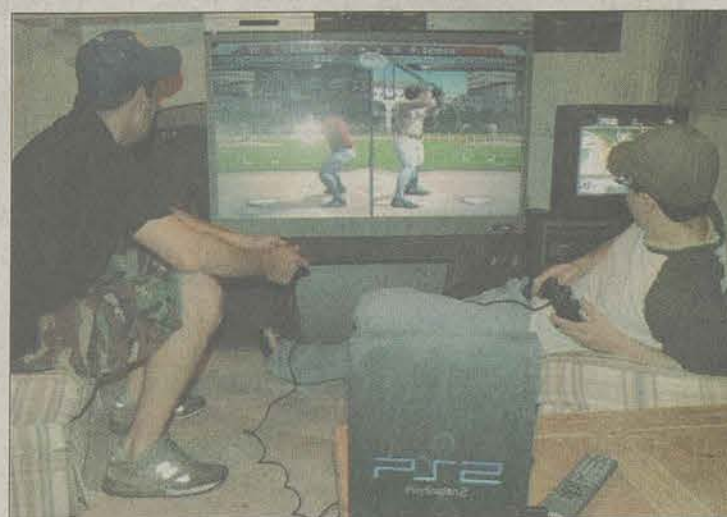
Sony states that surge protectors are not adequate protection against damage, so people should not assume if their adapter is connected to one, they are safe.

Approximately 960,000 slim-line PS2 systems with this adapter were sold

Models recalled
SCPH-70011
SCPH-70012

To report or find out if your PS2 is affected
Call 1-888-780-7690
or go to <http://www.us.playstation.com/adaptor>

in the United States since last October, and will now have to be replaced. This number is minimal to Microsoft's problem last year, when over 14 million Xbox consoles were recalled for their overheating power cables.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Students play Playstation 2. An adapter on the video game system is being recalled due to safety complications.

All I got from college was a credit card bill

By Cheryl Frost
Staff writer

Credit cards can be convenient, but they can also be a big problem. When students enter college for the first time, credit card companies are lurking about, ready to pounce on the unsuspecting freshmen. Every year, students' mailboxes are filled with offers from credit card companies for zero or low-interest cards. According to credit consultant Nellie Mae, 76 percent of undergraduate students had a credit card in 2004.

Credit card debt is easy to lose control of, especially for first time owners. Interest rates and late fees can pile up and it can take a long time to pay off purchases you don't even remember making.

Citibank, for example, offers a Platinum Select Visa with zero percent interest for six months, which sounds like a great deal until you read the fine print. Once the six-month grace period is up, accounts like these will begin to charge around 17 percent APR. Deeper into the disclosure and in even smaller print, they inform you that if you default in your payments at any time, they will immediately begin charging you a rate of as much as 30 percent. For a student with little or no income, this can lead them into credit debt very quickly.

In his book "Credit Card Nation: The Consequences of America's Addiction to Credit," Robert D. Manning said, "The credit card industry is aggressively marketing easy credit on campus before students can demonstrate their

economic virtue." For this reason, it is especially important that students be advised ahead of time as to whether they are ready for a credit card and if so, how to handle the responsibility.

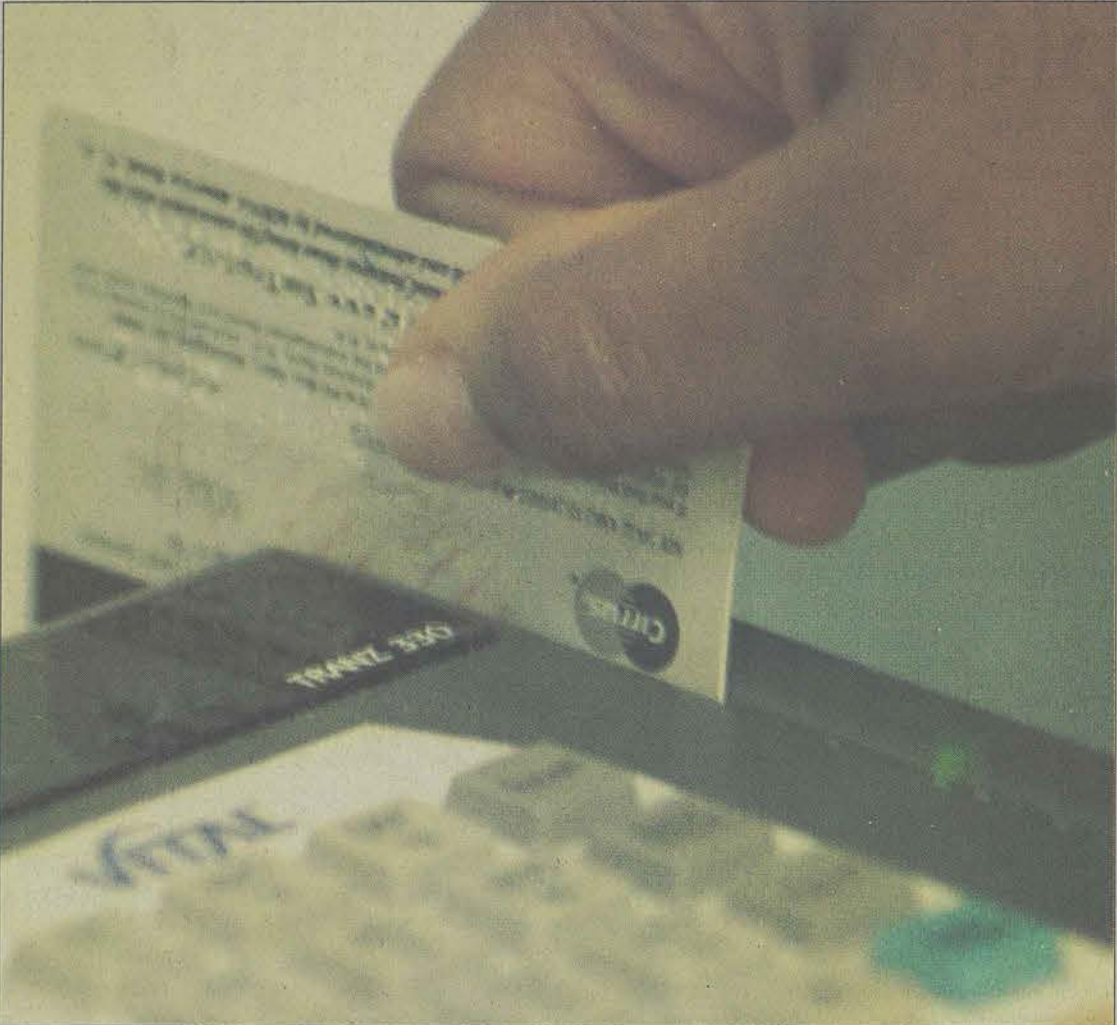
First, decide if a credit card is something you need. Not being able to buy enough drinks at a club is not a valid need.

Credit cards are handy in cases of emergency, like if your car breaks down or you run out of gas. They can be helpful if you make frequent flights home for holidays and need to make reservations. They are good for buying school supplies and textbooks from places that don't accept financial aid. If you are close to graduating, credit cards are a good way to establish a favorable credit record so you can buy a home or car in the future.

If you discover you have the need for a card, next determine if you have the means. If you have absolutely no income or unpredictable cash deposits from Mom and Dad, you are not ready. Without a job or reliable source of funds, you are not financially eligible, regardless of what the credit card company tells you.

Once you've secured a job that pays a minimum of \$100 per week, and you are sure the pros are better than the cons, it is time to make a plan. There is little reason to have more than one credit card. One card, handled responsibly, should be enough to cover the minimal expenses it should be used for.

For a first-time card owner, consider getting a gas card instead of a bank card,



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

A student's credit card is swiped at an on-campus business; 76 percent of students had credit cards in 2004.

so that your purchases will be limited and affordable.

Once you have the card, decide what you will use it for and use it only for that purpose. Plan on paying off your charges each month rather than making

the minimum payments.

Getting in over your head with credit can be stressful. The longer you avoid your debts, the worse they will get. There are free credit counseling services available to can help you plan

your budget or work out your debts.

College is all about learning and responsibility. Credit card temptation, excessive spending and overwhelming debt are all very real and can follow you long after you graduate.

ROTC cadets find themselves while learning land navigation skills

By Darren Jones
Staff writer

Very few Georgia Southern students get the chance to fire an M16 rifle, and that is probably for the best. Not considering mental stability, most people just do not have the proper training to handle high caliber weapons.

About 35 ROTC cadets got such training Sept. 21 at the National Guard Armory. A computer simulation program using actual model rifles, machine guns and pistols was set up on a 12-foot wide screen. Simulated distances ranged from 50 to 300 meters.

The method used for training cadets is the same as the one used for small infantry squad training, but Captain Sean McLaughlin stresses that infantry skills are not the object of the training.

"We use small infantry tactics to train leaders. It's not about shooting; it's about planning a project and seeing it through to its completion," said McLaughlin. "Fail to plan and you plan to fail."

Rifle training is just one of the many sessions used for leadership training. At 6 a.m. on Sept. 9, GSU's ROTC Eagle Battalion headed to Hunter Army Air Field to participate in a Land Navigation Training exercise. There they



Special Photo

Two GSU cadets learn land navigation skills at Hunter Army Air Field.

practiced techniques that would allow pinpointing of specific coordinates anywhere on Earth as well as hone their leadership and teamwork skills.

Roughly 64 cadets from GSU, Savannah State and Armstrong Atlantic State University were involved in this training course. Using a map, a protractor and a compass, the students composed a global address that corresponds not to the lines of widely recognized latitude and longitude, but to a metric grid matrix used by the Army.

The purpose of the training was to master land navigation skills and

also instill confidence and increase the cadet's situational awareness.

The civilian application of this particular training can be used for hunting and fishing or any situation where one is lost. It is not uncommon for ROTC skills to correlate to life skills, according to McLaughlin.

Students who experienced the Land Navigation Training felt like they learned something about themselves in the process. Alena Parker was among those who attended. "I enjoyed it because it tests your confidence in the equipment and in yourself," said Parker.

Gaming for a good cause

By Victoria W. Felder
Staff writer

Three consoles, one game and three possible winners. The excitement of Soul Calibur II will hit GSU for an evening tournament this Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Soul Calibur II Tournament is the Video Gamers Alliance's way of participating in the One Million Challenge to help out victims of Hurricane Katrina.

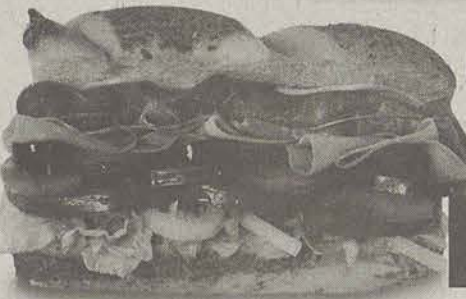
Two canned food items are required to participate in the tournament. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and

participants are encouraged to arrive early. For those who are not interested in SC II, other games will be provided such as Tekken 5 and Dead or Alive Ultimate for your gaming pleasure. If you would like more information about VGA or the Soul Calibur II Tournament, contact Victoria Felder at vfelder@georgiasouthern.edu

Matt Fowler is advisor of the newly created VGA. "We are just excited to bring together student video game players," he said.

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Museum

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Construction Management Guild
Meeting
Carruth Building Room 1025

7 p.m.
Movie: "Glory" (US 1989) Pre-
sented by the History Depart-
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IT Bldg. Room 1004

7 p.m.
"Once Upon a Time in Mexico"
Russell Union Theater

7 p.m.
NAACP: "What Makes Me Wanna
Holla?" Forum
Russell Union 2084

Friday, September 23

5:30 p.m.
Soul Calibur II Tournament
Russell Union Ballroom

8 p.m.
Robotic Exploration of Space
Planetarium

Movie Releases
Cry Wolf
Flightplan
Roll Bounce
Tim Burton's Corpse Bride
Waiting

Saturday, September 24

3 p.m.
Football Daze Tailgating
Between Russell Union and the
University Bookstore

7 p.m.
Eagle Football vs. Chattanooga
Paulson Stadium

Monday, September 26

5 p.m.
Creative Writing Club Meeting
Newton Building

7 p.m.
Cinema Arts Movie
"Winter Sleepers"
Russell Union Theater

Tuesday, September 27

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Annual Study Abroad Fair
Russell Union Ballroom

8 p.m.
Statesboro-GSU Symphony Mas-
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Puzzles were inadvertently left
out of Wednesday's edition

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New rule could hamper voter registration drives

ATLANTA — A rules change adopted last week by the State Election Board could hamper voter registration drives initiated by community groups in Georgia, says a group that has been monitoring the status of election rules in the state since its decision to require voters to show photo IDs.

THE REGION

Students upset over animal mistreatment display

RICHMOND, Va. — Students at Virginia Commonwealth University expressed shock and anger Wednesday as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals brought a display comparing civil rights abuses with animal mistreatment to the downtown Richmond campus.

THE NATION

Leahy to back Roberts for Chief Justice

WASHINGTON — The senior Democrat on the Judiciary Committee announced Wednesday he will vote to confirm John Roberts for chief justice of the United States after leading lawmakers met with President Bush to discuss candidates for the other high court vacancy. The announcement by veteran Sen. Patrick Leahy came amid virtually unprecedented executive-legislative branch jockeying over not one, but two high court openings, seats left vacant by the death of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and the retirement of Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Patients are evacuated as Rita plows across the Gulf of Mexico

By Pam Easton
Associated Press Writer

GALVESTON, Texas — Hospital and nursing home patients were evacuated and others gathered up their belongings and began clearing out Wednesday as Hurricane Rita intensified into a Category 4 storm with 140 mph winds and threatened to devastate the Texas coast or already-battered Louisiana by week's end.

Mandatory evacuations were ordered for Galveston and New Orleans, one day after Rita sideswiped the Florida Keys as a Category 2 storm, causing relatively minor damage. Having seen what Hurricane Katrina did just three weeks ago, many people decided not to take any chances.

"After this killer in New Orleans, Katrina, I just cannot fathom staying," 59-year-old Ldyyan Jean Jocque said before sunrise as she waited for an evacuation bus outside the Galveston Community Center. She had packed her Bible, some music and clothes into plastic bags and loaded her dog into a pet carrier.

The federal government was eager to show it, too, had learned its lesson after being criticized for its sluggish response to Katrina. It rushed hundreds of truckloads of water, ice and ready-made meals to the Gulf Coast and put rescue and medical teams on standby.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff urged residents in the threatened areas to get out.

At 11 a.m. EDT, Rita was centered about 260 miles west of Key West, Fla., and 775 miles southeast of Corpus Christi, Texas, moving west at near 13 mph. Forecasters predicted it would come ashore Saturday somewhere between northern Mexico and western Louisiana, most likely in Texas.

Meteorologist Chris Landsea of the National Hurricane Center in Miami said Rita could strengthen to a



Associated Press/David J. Phillip

Edgewater Retirement Community residents wait to be evacuated from Galveston Island as Hurricane Rita heads for the Texas gulf coast.

Category 5 with wind over 155 mph as it moves over the warm waters of the gulf, or it could ease to a Category 3, with wind of less than 130 mph.

In New Orleans, the Army Corps of Engineers raced to patch the city's fractured levee system for fear the

additional rain could swamp the walls and flood the city all over again. The Corps said New Orleans' levees can only handle up to 6 inches of rain and a storm surge of 10 to 12 feet.

Engineers and contractors drove a massive metal barrier across the 17th

Street Canal bed to prevent a storm surge from Lake Pontchartrain from swamping New Orleans again, and worked around the clock to repair the damaged pumps, concrete floodwalls, earthen berms and waterways that protect the below-sea-level city.

The federal government's top official in the city, Coast Guard Vice Adm. Thad Allen, said the preparations in and around New Orleans included 500 buses for evacuation, and enough water and military meals for 500,000 people.



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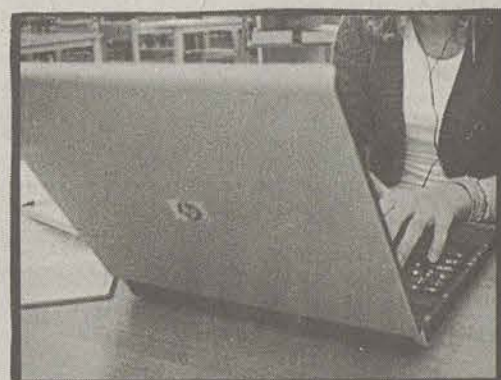
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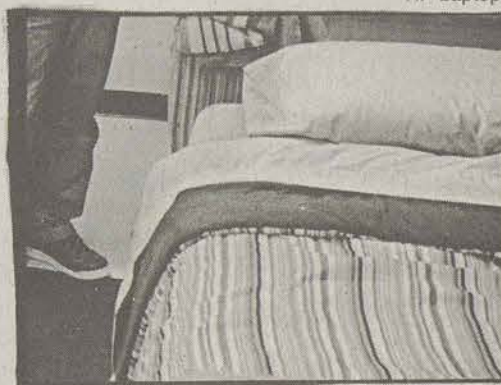
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Library's 'musical chimes man' plays the carillon

By Tiffany Colston
Staff writer

Have you ever wondered where the soothing music is coming from as you pass Lakeside Cafe on a mad dash to class?

It's definitely not the sound of the marching band gearing up for an anticipated Homecoming game against the University of Georgia.

It can be summarized in three words: Dr. Micheal Braz.

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:45 a.m. until 11 a.m., Braz, a professor of music, performs on his unique instrument the carillon for a program called Mid-Morning Music.

The carillon is a bell instrument that usually takes up an entire bell tower, but on this campus, it is a digital instrument housed on the fourth floor of the library.

"The university decided to get an instrument that plays itself," said Braz. "I felt that I should volunteer to enhance their music by playing the carillon."

The music that Braz plays is projected by an electronic box and a keyboard so it is heard through the speakers outside the library.

The same apparatus used for his music is also used to play the bell tones as each half-hour passes.

"I enjoy what I do and it is a pleasure for me to perform each and every Tuesday and Thursday morning," said Braz.

Braz said he plays the instrument because the library needed to utilize the equipment and he thought it would be a great way to do so.

A typical Tuesday and Thursday morning for the often busy Dr. Braz consists of arriving at the library 30 minutes early in order to prepare for his performance by practicing.

One way to recognize the ending of his musical feature is the sound of the popular GSU Alma Mater.

This year Braz plans to play a variety of classical works composed of 200 to 300 songs. He also plans to play two short concerts every week. A summary of the selections he plays is posted on the library's official website.

Describing the response of the faculty and staff to his musical performances as a positive one is an understatement.

"The majority of the students and faculty I have spoken with enjoy my music," Braz said.

The response has been so overwhelming that students have even requested several songs for him to play.

Many students mingle in front of the library and eat lunch outside to take advantage of the beautiful music.

"I love hearing the music when I'm walking to my English class. If I had the time, I'd love to hang out and listen to the whole performance," said sophomore Anne McGuire.

Braz said all music majors interested in learning the carillon are up for a difficult task.

"The carillon is a very hard instrument to play," he said.

No students have shown interest in learning to play so far, and Braz is not planning on having open auditions anytime soon.

With such a positive response from students, faculty and staff, rest assured that Braz will continue to bring a little musical joy to otherwise hectic afternoons for a long time to come.

"It always kind of lifts my spirits a little to hear the bells. It's a nice to concentrate on something other than school for a few minutes," said McGuire.



James Hall/STAFF

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning for 15 minutes, professor of music Dr. Michael Braz plays the carillon at the GSU library.

THE FOOD CORNER

Hail to the Hamburger

By Alicia Howe
Staff writer

America alone consumes an average of 40 billion hamburgers a year. But where did the hamburger originate?

The earliest known version of the hamburger derived from Mongolian and Tartar warriors, who softened raw steaks underneath their saddles, formed them into fillets, then ate them raw.

This was given the name steak tartare, which is still made today and is considered a gourmet delicacy.

The Mongol tradition became a food favorite in Hamburg, Germany when Russia began trading with the country. American sailors, upon visiting the Hamburg port, renamed the steak tartare "Hamburg Steak."

According to Giovanni Ballarini, author of "The Origin of Hamburgers and Ketchup," the American hamburger was made when "European emigrants reached America on the ships of the Hamburg Lines and were served meat patties quickly cooked on the grill and placed between two pieces of bread."

Today the hamburger has become a cookout favorite. The average pack of ground beef costs around four dollars and serves about four people.

That's only a buck per hamburger, which is probably why it is so popular.

So get the grill going, invite over some friends before the big Georgia Southern game and eat up this American favorite.

Ways to Give Your Hamburger an Extra Punch:

- Broil (in oven) or grill your favorite peppers (anaheim or poblano peppers are great on hamburgers) until the skin is blackened. Peel skin off, remove seeds and cut into slices. Place on hamburger and top with your favorite Barbeque sauce (I recommend Sweet Baby Ray's).
- When making your hamburger patties, take a cube of your favorite cheese and place in the middle of the patty, forming the meat around it.
- Toast your hamburger buns. Although it's simple, toasting your hamburger buns gives your hamburger an extra crispness that is sure to please.
- Let your hamburger rest. I know that a hamburger right off the grill is hard to resist, but letting your hamburger rest for about five minutes ensures that it will be juicy when you take the first bite.
- Add a southern twist to your hamburger by deep-frying onion slices. Just dredge slices of onions in milk first, coat with flour, salt and pep-

Southern's Next Top Model down to twelve

By Alicia Howe
Staff writer

Southern's Next Top Model had no eliminations on Sept. 15, as contestant Mia Bolton dropped out due to time management issues.

The competition, sponsored by The Joker's Wild, is now down to 12 contestants due to Bolton's departure.

The theme of last week's competition was charisma. The girls had to take a picture of where they saw themselves in the next five years.

"I think what the girls learned, or at least were supposed to learn anyway, is that there is more to charisma than actually what you say, but how you say it, from tone to body language," said Steven Austen, judge and creator of Southern's Next Top Model. The girls also had to put their charisma to the test by reading a Snickers commercial script in Spanish.

The elimination round followed the example of the UPN show "America's Next Top Model." The girls filed in before the judges and one by one were given their pictures as a pass to the next round.

The first picture was given to Nneka Carter. Alexis Carter, Shantae Holsey, Ashley Blessett, Kryshawn Baity, Andreea Ivanus, Danielle Crute, Kim Parks, Juliet Atsegbua and Miriam Ivy were also given their pictures back, leaving Apriel Powell and Sherron Days in the bottom two.

The judges complemented Sherron on her ability to hold it together during the Snickers commercial reading, but when the weekly picture came up the judges felt there was no emotion shining through.

Apriel was complimented on her good energy during the commercial reading, but her picture also

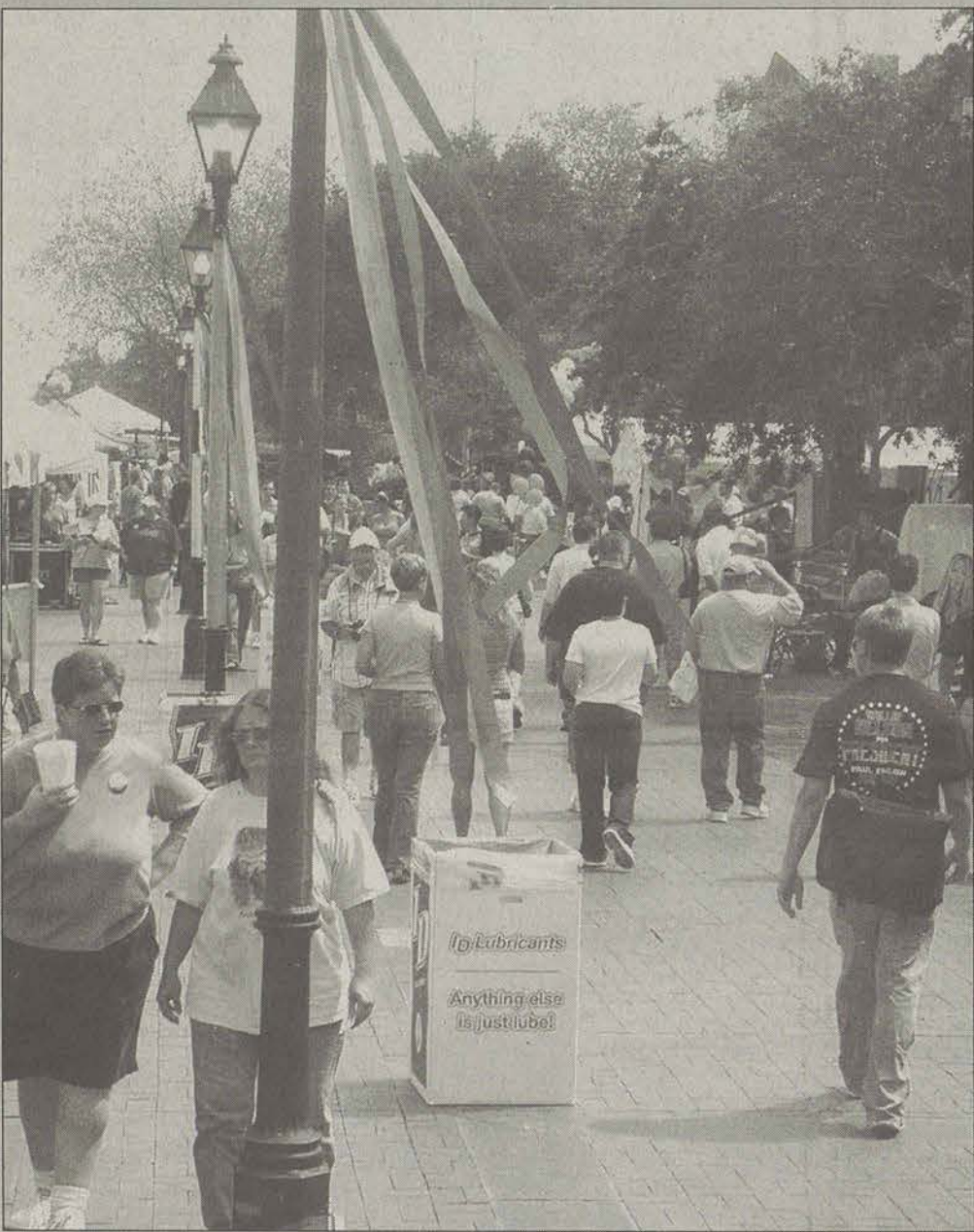


Sherron Days

received a poor critique from the judges.

In the end, no one got eliminated because Bolton decided to leave. This week the contestants will head to the runway as they learn to walk like top models.

Eliminations will be held Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. in Russell Union room 2052. For more information about this week's elimination, read next Thursday's edition of The George-Anne Daily.



Morgan Marsh/STAFF

The Savannah Gay Pride festival took place last Saturday on River Street. Savannah Pride has grown considerably since it's first festival six years ago but hopes to eventually become as big as Atlanta's Pride festival, which had over 300,000 participants.

'Peanuts' performance at Georgia Southern

Darren Jones
Staff writer

There's something comforting about the idyllic childhood world of Peanuts, as evidenced by its popularity and longevity as a comic strip.

We can all relate to a world where the words of adult are foreign but at the same time understandable. Where our highest aspirations are winning a baseball game, flying a kite or kicking a punt and nothing seems more important than the attention of that ever elusive "little red haired girl."

For some of us, however, even this world didn't seem so willing to let us partake in the pleasure.

We'd never win our games. Someone would always pull the football away just as we're about to kick it. The "little red haired girl" would never look our way. Speaking for those who never seem to get a break is the lovable loser Charlie Brown.

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" was performed at the Emma Kelley Theatre on Sept. 16 and 17. It was presented by Sea Island Bank in association with the Statesboro Theatre Arts Regional Alliance (STAR).

The musical show was originally produced in the mid-1960s by Bob Balaban and Gary Burghoff with the score composed by Clark Gesner. In 1999 the

show received a Tony award nomination for best musical revival.

Director for the play was Dr. Mical Whitaker, who retired this summer from Georgia Southern after 24 years of teaching, directing and performing in campus venues. Each part is played by elementary school children from around the community.

"The play captures a wonderful sense of innocence and humanity," commented Whitaker, who was considering using an all-college cast but opted instead for a crew that better represented the community for which it was performing.

The cast was made up of students from different elementary, middle and high schools in the local area. Directing a younger cast is not new to Dr. Whitaker, who says that while you can't expect the same level of commitment you'd get from college performers, he enjoys working with a cast "largely in it for the fun."

The process was not devoid of GSU students; sophomore and communications major Jimmy Heikkila took on the responsibilities of stage manager and assistant to the director, which included taking notes, calling lines during rehearsal and being an auxiliary vocalist during the performance.

Heikkila performed in his high school's "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" production and sees this as a way

to contribute to the community. The play was performed before an audience of a wide range of ages, from the infantile to the elderly, and it had something for everyone.

Lacking a real plot, it was really a hodgepodge of scenes representing a day in Charlie Brown's world. The kids seemed to particularly respond to the physical comedy antics of Snoopy while the adults appreciated the subtle jokes and messages about life in general that has become a theme in the comic strip.

Everyone gave spirited performances that captured the best aspects of the characters they were portraying. What also stood out were the musical numbers, which were catchy and kept everyone's attention. Providing the instrumentals for the play were musical director Lisa Muldrew on the flute and GSU student Johnathan Murphy on the piano.

Running about 105 minutes, it was short enough not to lose the children and long enough to not sacrifice a wonderful message of hope and friendship. "Happiness," the play's ending number, invites us to embrace simplicity and find happiness there.

More importantly, Charlie Brown reminds us that no matter how many times we fail, we should never stop trying.

Death Cab for Cutie new release: "Plans"

By Edgar Fernandez
Staff writer

Death Cab for Cutie seems to always enjoy the approval of fans and critics.

Indeed, this indie band has been garnished with compliments, admiration and hopes of near perfection (Not only with Death Cab but also with singer Ben Gibbard's side project The Postal Service).

It is no surprise that their fifth album has been received with more enthusiasm than skepticism, even if this is the first time they are releasing an album under a major label.

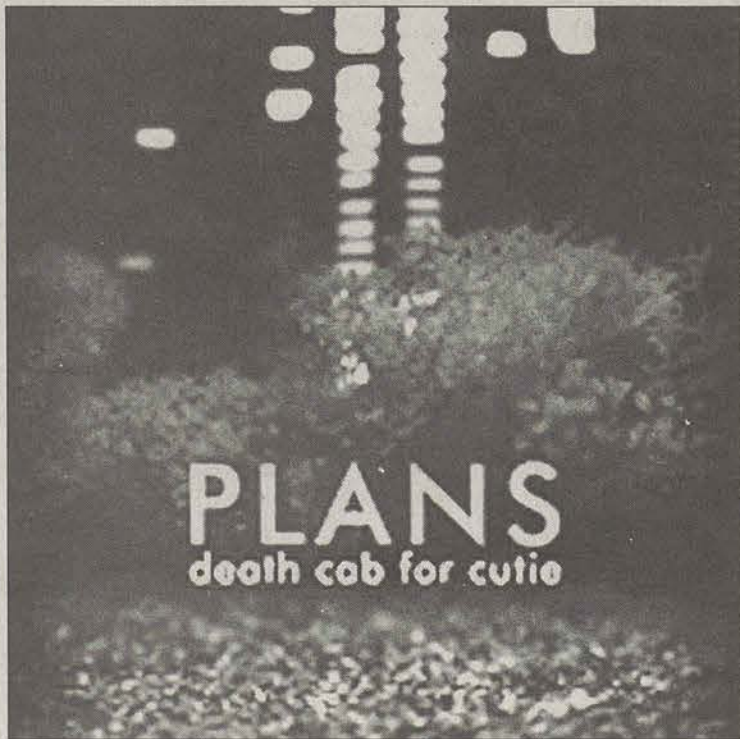
Not only has the band kept its style and sound, they are also experimenting with new sounds (for the better).

Although the album is filled with mid-tempo, emotional ballads, one never gets the feeling of dread at any point.

The songs have a soft, gentle sound to them, yet they never feel like they are slowing down and even if they do, they catch up quickly.

The album does not rely heavily on electric guitars; most of the songs use acoustic guitars, pianos and percussion instrument.

The band is known for having lyrics filled with depth and emotion, this has not changed.



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Most of the songs deal with death, having and losing love and longing.

Songs like "What Sarah Said" tells a story of losing a loved one, while "Someday You Will Be Loved" changes the point of view and deals with breaking up with someone.

The song "I Will Follow You Into the Dark" was really enjoyable—the use of acoustic guitar and electronics really helped the song.

"Soul Meets Body," has really upbeat lyrics with a nice sound.

"Marching Bands of Manhattan" does a great job of setting the mood for the rest of the album—until reaching "Stable Song," a conclusion which comes rather abruptly.

Nonetheless, the buyer will have a great experience listening to this album.

ONLY IN AMERICA

stories by The Associated Press



Wendy's chili finger tipster has beef

1 SAN JOSE, Calif. - A man who says he helped Wendy's International Inc. unravel the scheme behind a fingertip slipped into a bowl of chili has a beef with the fast food chain. He wants the \$100,000 reward the company offered.

Mike Casey runs an asphalt plant in Las Vegas that employed the man who lost the finger, and the husband of the woman who said she bit into the digit while eating at a Wendy's. Casey said he provided the tip that helped authorities uncover the scheme. "I did what they wanted and they offered it, so I think I have it coming," Casey said.

Wendy's officials said Tuesday they would soon identify the tipster, but wouldn't say whether Casey would get the reward.

Rumaisa Rahman, who weighed just 8.6 ounces at birth and was less than 10 inches long, turned a year old on Monday. She now weighs 13 pounds and is 24 inches tall.

Loyola University Medical Center, the suburban Chicago hospital where the girl received treatment until she was discharged in February, hosted a birthday party for Rumaisa and her fraternal twin sister, Hiba.

The girls' father, Mohammed Abdul Rahman, said doctors have told him the twins could be on the small side as adults but that only time would tell.

Madeline Mann, who was also born at Loyola, was the previous record holder. She weighed 9.9 ounces when she was born in 1989. She is now a high school honor student in the Chicago area.

Jurors to see judge's sex toy

3 BRISTOW, Okla. - Jurors hearing the case against a former judge accused of exposing himself in his Creek County courtroom will be allowed to see the sex toy at the center of the state's allegations, a judge ruled Tuesday in rejecting a defense motion.

They also can hear testimony that a second "penis pump" was

seen under former District Judge Donald Thompson's bench, among other evidence Thompson's attorneys sought to have barred from next week's scheduled trial.

Thompson, 58, who spent more than 20 years on the bench before stepping down more than a year ago, faces three counts of indecent exposure.

Prosecutors allege he masturbated with a penis pump under his robe while presiding over two murder trials and a civil trial in 2003. Thompson denies the allegations and said the penis pump seized in the case was a gag gift from a friend.

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Congressmen stand by votes against Katrina aid

By Jeffrey McMurray
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Lynn Westmoreland says he remains surprised that no other Georgian and only one other Southerner joined him in opposing a \$51 billion aid package for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Westmoreland, who on Wednesday joined fellow conservatives in a news conference touting some massive spending offsets to help pay for the relief, said he isn't worried about political fallout from his vote earlier this month.

He and Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-

N.C., were the only Southerners and the only freshmen to oppose the package, which passed the House 410-11. All the no votes were from Republicans.

"You can either lead or follow," Westmoreland said. "I prefer the leading part."

Westmoreland says he was never convinced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency had a clear picture of how it was going to use the money, which amounted to about \$2 billion a day.

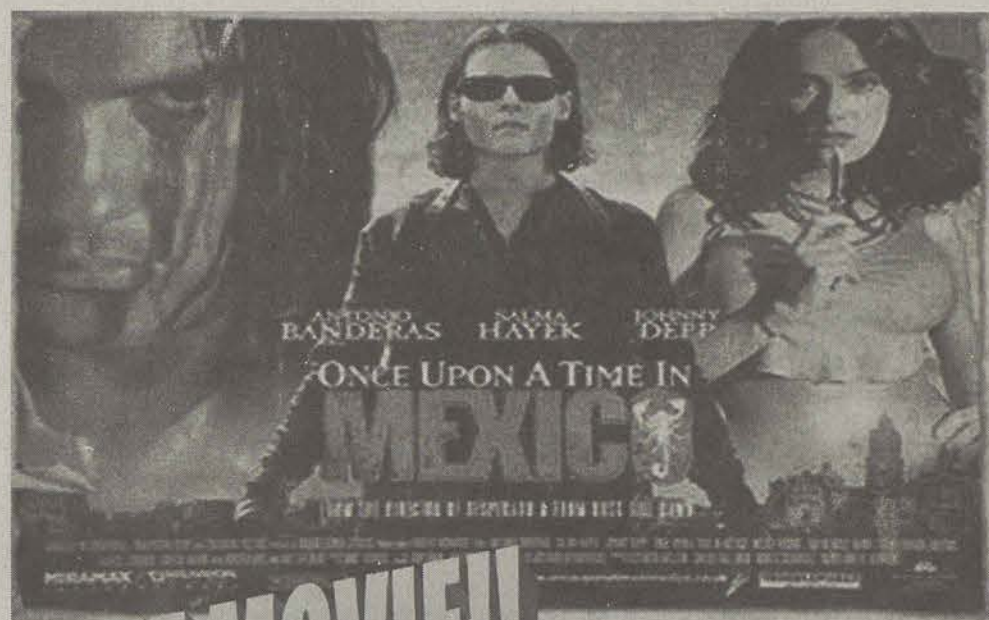
Foxx didn't return calls Wednesday from The Associated Press, but her press secretary, Amy Auth, said

after the vote that the congresswoman also was concerned about accountability. In addition, she complained that the request was above and beyond whatever it will take to rebuild New Orleans and other damaged areas.

Both Southern freshmen face reelection for the first time next year in districts where Republicans are heavily favored.

Westmoreland had no Democratic opposition last year, and Foxx got 59 percent of the vote in the general election after winning a runoff following a vicious eight-way Republican primary.

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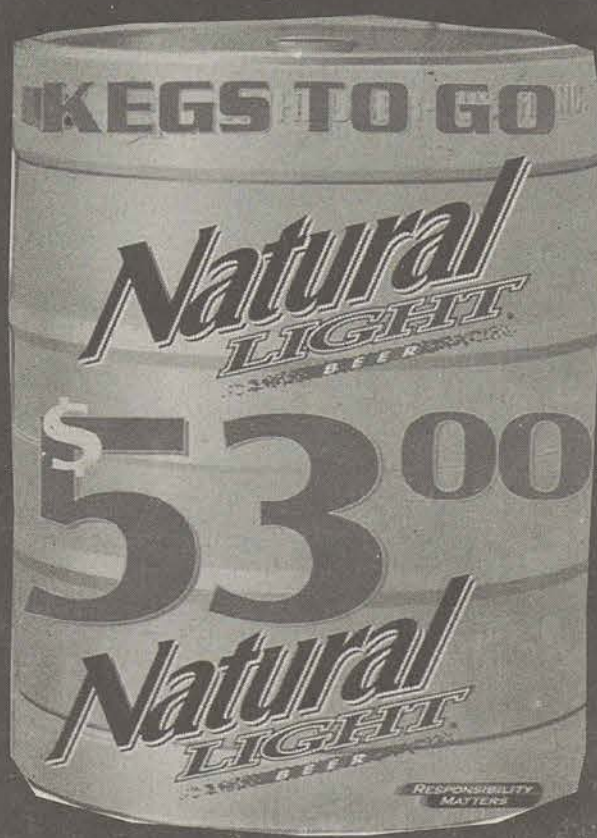
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SPORTS

Tracy Ham
back in the
Boro

GSU legend returns to Paulson Stadium Saturday

Georgia Southern great Tracy Ham will be returning to Paulson Stadium once again.

Ham, the greatest quarterback in school history and a school Hall of Fame member, will return this Saturday as part of the television broadcast team that will be live on Comcast Sports Southeast.

Ham is one of two GSU players to have his number retired and is still recognized as one of the greatest collegiate quarterbacks to ever play the game. He is the only player in college history to run for 3,000 yards and pass for 5,000 in a career. He is most known for leading GSU in the 1985 national championship in a rally

against Furman to win 44-42 after a 22-point third quarter deficit.

After GSU, Ham has had a successful career in the Canadian Football League and earned MVP honors in 1989 and became the first QB to rush for 1,000 yards and throw for 4,000 in a season.

Renaldo Stover
STAY ON THE GRINDWarning:
viewer discre-
tion advised

What's up people? It's been another busy week in the world of sports and there are so many things to talk about.



Renaldo Stover is a senior majoring in journalism from Camden, SC. His sports column appears in The George-Anne on Thursdays.

I want to applaud Barry Bonds for making it clear this week that he is committed to never using steroids again.

Okay, Barry didn't actually say that he was committed to quitting steroids or that he has ever taken them in the first place. I was just reading between the lines when he said that he was, "going to be skinny" when the 2006 baseball season rolls around.

Something about him wanting to get his legs stronger was his explanation.

How about the explanation of I DON'T WANT TO GET BUSTED!!

Maybe Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez of the Detroit Tigers gave him that advice after he was able to go unnoticed at the start of the 2005 baseball season when he came back weighing 195 pounds.

Yeah folks, dude came back light as a feather. His explanation went along the lines of him wanting to drop some weight in his hips.

Grown man worrying about dropping weight in his hips? I'm going to just leave that alone. Keep doing your thing, Barry.

I'm running out of space, so let me address a major issue that has to be touched on immediately.

This goes out to E.P., one of our talented writers on the sports staff whose credibility I have to question after comments that were made in his weekly column which can be read every Tuesday.

How in the world do you consider Randy Moss to be better than Jerry Rice? At best, Moss is a work in progress.

No disrespect, E.P., but are you serious? Don't get me wrong, Moss does his thing, but this is like saying Kobe is better than M.J.

I'm still trying to figure out your reasoning for even uttering the phrase "better than Jerry Rice."

Don't you understand?! Men have been stoned, beaten and subjected to water torture for such loose talk. I guess the next thing I'll hear is that your boy, LaDainian Tomlinson, is the next Barry Sanders or that Champ Bailey is better than Deion.

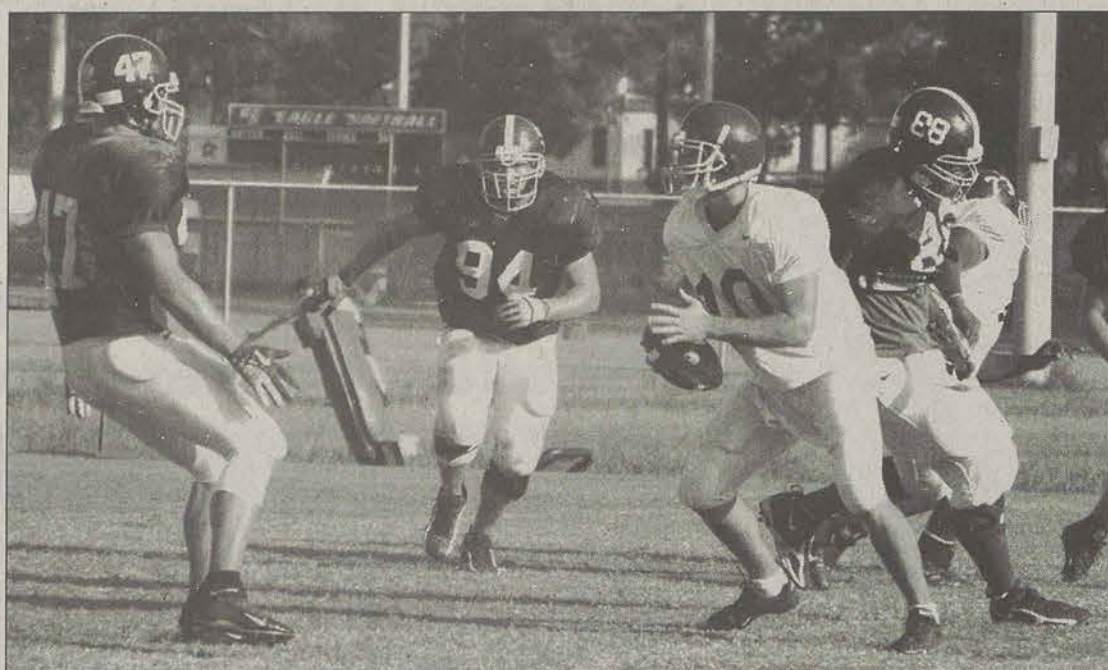
Yeah, I said it. Champ Bailey ain't got nothing on Neon Deion.

All I'm asking E.P. is that you please refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages when writing your columns from now on.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN



GSU defense prepared to step up



John Mohring (47) and Jack Sherman (94) converge on the scout team quarterback during Wednesday's practice

Eagles look to even
conference record this
Saturday

Bryan Metcalf
Staff writer

Last week Georgia Southern (1-2, 0-1) gave up 354 rushing yards in their 21-17 loss against Wofford.

It was the first time since 2000 that an opponent rushed for more than 300 yards and may be a cause for concern this week as the Eagles look to prevent an unprecedented third straight loss at Paulson Stadium.

The Chattanooga Mocs (2-1) seem to be coming at the perfect time. GSU is 17-1 all time against UTC, the one loss

coming at "Paulson North" - UTC's Finley Stadium.

The Mocs top rusher Eldra Buckley is currently tied for fifth in the Southern Conference with 269 yards and four touchdowns. It will be up to the Eagles defense to contain him.

Eagles linebacker John Mohring is expected to continue to lead the defense this week.

"He's playing fast and downhill," said head coach Mike Sewak.

"Some of the blitzes we send him on he's designed to go get the ball, and we're fortunate that he's making the tackles when he should."

Last week against Wofford, Mohring, who is in a three-way tie for the SoCon lead in tackles (11.3

per game) posted a career-high 12 tackles.

"I'm just trying to go out there, run around and make plays," said Mohring.

"We've got a lot of young guys so I know I need to rise to the occasion."

When asked about the defensive effort last week, Mohring added that GSU has a very young defense.

"The young guys are trying to make plays and when they do that, sometimes their gap doesn't get covered."

John Pate, the Eagles defensive line coach, said the team spent a lot of time in "Error Correction" and really addressed the issue of getting run support from the linebackers and secondary, as well as a push up front

Gameday
Festivities

• Junior Eagle Day: All kids ages 3-12 can purchase tickets for just \$1

• Gator 106.9 will be broadcasting live during pre-game

• Bulloch County Rec. Department will feature football games at halftime

• Post-game firework show approximately 10 minutes after the conclusion of the game

• First Southern National Bank kick for cash at halftime

from the young defensive line.

"Defense and offense are collective efforts. All 11 guys are responsible for run defense and all 11 guys are responsible for pass defense."

Sewak said he expects UTC to try and run the football with Buckley, their All-American Junior College transfer.

"These guys are coming in with a whole different attitude. Their attitude is 'we can win' so we have to be prepared for that."

GSU has only lost 17 times in 20 years at Paulson (153 games) including, McNeese State this year.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday with fireworks following the game.

AFC East		
Buffalo	1	1
Miami	1	1
New England	1	1
N.Y. Jets	1	1

AFC North		
Cincinnati	2	0
Pittsburgh	2	0
Cleveland	1	1
Baltimore	2	0

AFC South		
Indianapolis	2	0
Jacksonville	1	1
Tennessee	1	1
Houston	2	0

AFC West		
Kansas City	2	0
Denver	1	1
Oakland	2	0
San Diego	0	2

NFC East		
N.Y. Giants	2	0
Washington	2	0
Dallas	1	0
Philadelphia	1	1

NFC North		
Chicago	1	1
Detroit	1	1
Green Bay	0	2
Minnesota	0	2

NFC South		
Tampa Bay	2	0
Atlanta	1	1
Carolina	1	1
New Orleans	1	1

NFC West		
San Francisco	1	1
Seattle	1	1
St. Louis	1	1
Arizona	0	2

Vick doubtful for Sunday's matchup with Bills

Backup quarterback
Matt Schaub may
start if Vick's ham-
string problem
continues.

Charles Odum
Associated Press

Michael Vick was held out of practice Wednesday with a sore left hamstring.

The Atlanta quarterback said he may play Sunday at Buffalo even if he can't practice the rest of the week.

"As long as I'm getting mental reps, I think I'll be able to go out there and execute the game plan," Vick said. "It's possible I may not practice all week. Who knows? I'm just playing it by ear right now."

Vick did some light running on the side but did not try to test the hamstring.

"We're not trying to rush it," he said. "It's too early in the week."

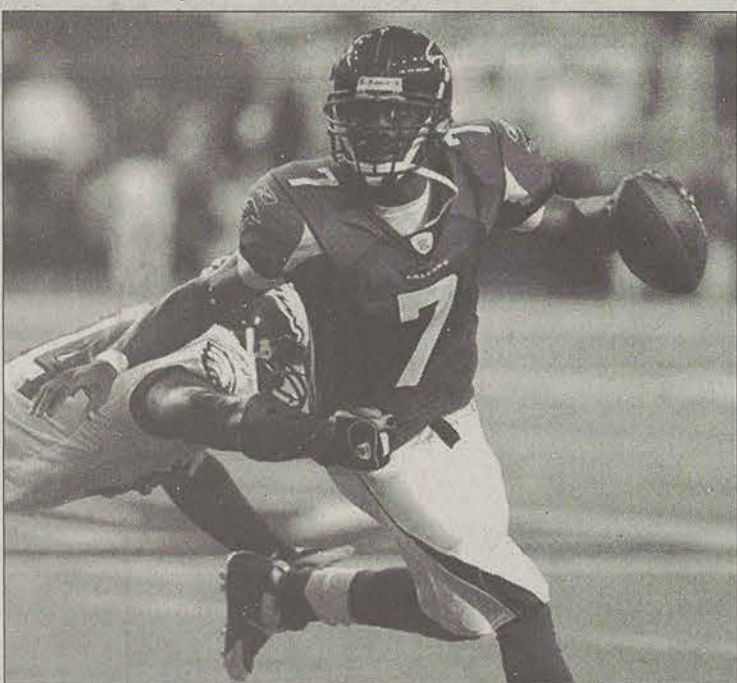
Though he acknowledged that hamstring injuries are "tricky, tricky deals," Falcons coach Jim Mora said he wouldn't hold Vick back if Vick wants to practice Thursday.

"If he can practice, if he feels good to go and can get the reps, we want him to get the reps," Mora said.

Vick passed for only 123 yards, completing 11 of 19 passes, in the 21-18 loss to Seattle.

In two games he has passed for 279 yards with one touchdown and one interception and has rushed for 111 yards with a touchdown.

Vick's value to the Falcons (1-1) is obvious. The fifth-year player has



John Amis/Associated Press

Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick may have trouble shaking defenders if his hamstring continues to be a problem.

a 24-13-1 record in regular-season games and led the team to last season's NFC Championship game. In that span the Falcons are 9-19 in games he doesn't start.

The Falcons lost the only game Vick didn't start last season as Schaub was 17-of-41 passing for 188 yards in a 26-13 loss at New Orleans late in the season.

The danger is that Vick could suffer a more serious injury to the hamstring by playing this week.

"I'm probably going to make the final decision," Vick said. "I'm the only one who knows how bad I'm hurting and what I can do and what I can't do."

Unless Vick shows dramatic im-

provement Thursday, his status may not be determined until pregame warmups Sunday.

"I'm sure they'll want to see me on the field and see what I can do," he said.

"I've got to be able to move around. It's a big part of my game and a big part of our package and what we do."

No matter who starts, the Falcons can be expected to lean heavily on running backs Warrick Dunn and T.J. Duckett.

The Bills gave up 191 yards rushing, including 128 yards to Carnell "Cadillac" Williams, in last week's 19-3 loss to Tampa Bay.

Kickoff for Sunday's game is at 1:00 and can be seen on live on Fox.

Michelle Wie may soon become highest-paid female golfer in the world before she's able to drink



Associated Press

Endorsement deals for 16-year-old could top 10 million.

Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Everywhere she goes, people can't help but notice Michelle Wie.

As a 13-year-old still wearing a retainer, she was warming up on the practice range for a junior pro-am at the Sony Open in Honolulu. When she pulled out her driver, five PGA Tour players on both sides of her stopped to watch her launch tee shots that approached the 300-yard marker.

The 15-year-old from Hawaii who commands so much attention is on the verge of commanding top money. Wie is about to turn pro, and endorsements

estimated to be worth as much as \$10 million a year await.

Two sources close to Wie, speaking on condition of anonymity because she is still an amateur, said the announcement will not be made until endorsement deals are signed.

When it happens, she will be the highest-paid female golfer in the world.

One deal that is nearing completion is with Nike, which is no surprise. Wie has been playing its irons and golf ball the last two years, and often wears the swoosh on her clothing.

A source with knowledge of the

negotiations said the deal could be worth anywhere from \$4 million to \$5 million a year.

She also is working on a deal with an Asian-based electronics company that could be worth about \$3 million a year.

Annika Sorenstam, the best player in women's golf, makes about \$7 million a year in endorsements. No other female golfer is remotely close.

Early projections were that Wie could command up to \$20 million a year in endorsements, and her potential earnings could surpass that. But the family is starting slowly and con-

servatively, in part because Wie still has two years left before she graduates Punahou School in Honolulu.

As popular as she is in the United States, record crowds at the John Deere Classic, where she nearly made the cut, and spiked attendance on the LPGA Tour. Wie might be an even bigger draw in Asia.

"The potential to dominate is what appeals to a lot of people," Lauletta said. "One of the qualities she has is being the next big thing. When you're the next big thing, they want to notice you and see what it is. And she's that. There's no doubt about it."

This
weekend

#17 Hofstra

@

#9 Furman

2 p.m.

The Paladins (2-1, 0-1) are coming off a 45-23 rebound win over Samford. Hofstra (2-0, 0-0), out of the Atlantic 10, has allowed just seven points this season, while scoring 91.

#19 WCU

@

Nicholls St.

3 p.m.

The Catamounts (2-1, 1-0) are coming off their first loss of the year, a 7-3 defensive struggle at Cincinnati. Nicholls State (1-1), out of the Southland Conference is coming off a 54-0 blowout of Cheney, after nearly beating Indiana on Sept. 10.

#22 App. St.

@

The Citadel

4 p.m.

The Citadel (1-1) has had a week to rest after being blown out by Florida St. on Sept. 10. App. St. (2-1) is coming off a 30-3 dismantling of Coastal Carolina from the Big South.

N.C. A&T

@

Elon

6 p.m.

Elon (2-1) is coming off a 34-19 win over Division II Presbyterian. The Aggies of A&T (1-2, 1-1), out of the MEAC will try to rebound after a loss to #11 Hampton.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

#1 USC

@

#24 Oregon

The Trojans haven't played Oregon while winning national titles the past two seasons.

The last time they visited Autzen Stadium, Carson Palmer was the quarterback, USC scored 30 straight points in the second half and gained 608 yards in the game, and the Trojans won 44-33.

Oregon (3-0) is unbeaten, but the Ducks allowed 34 points to Fresno State and 24 to Houston.

The Trojans, meanwhile, have scored 133 points in two games.

USC's winning streak is 24 games. One more ties the school record set in 1931-33.

Rita

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"I'm glad we've got the opportunity to leave.... You never know what can happen."

With Rita projected to hit Texas by Saturday, Gov. Rick Perry urged residents along the state's entire coast to begin evacuating. And New Orleans braced for the possibility that the storm could swamp the misery-stricken city all over again.

Galveston, low-lying parts of Corpus Christi and Houston, and mostly emptied-out New Orleans were under mandatory evacuation orders as Rita sideswiped the Florida Keys and began drawing energy with terrifying efficiency from the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Between 2 a.m. and 4 p.m., it went from a 115-mph Category 2 to a 165-mph Category 5.

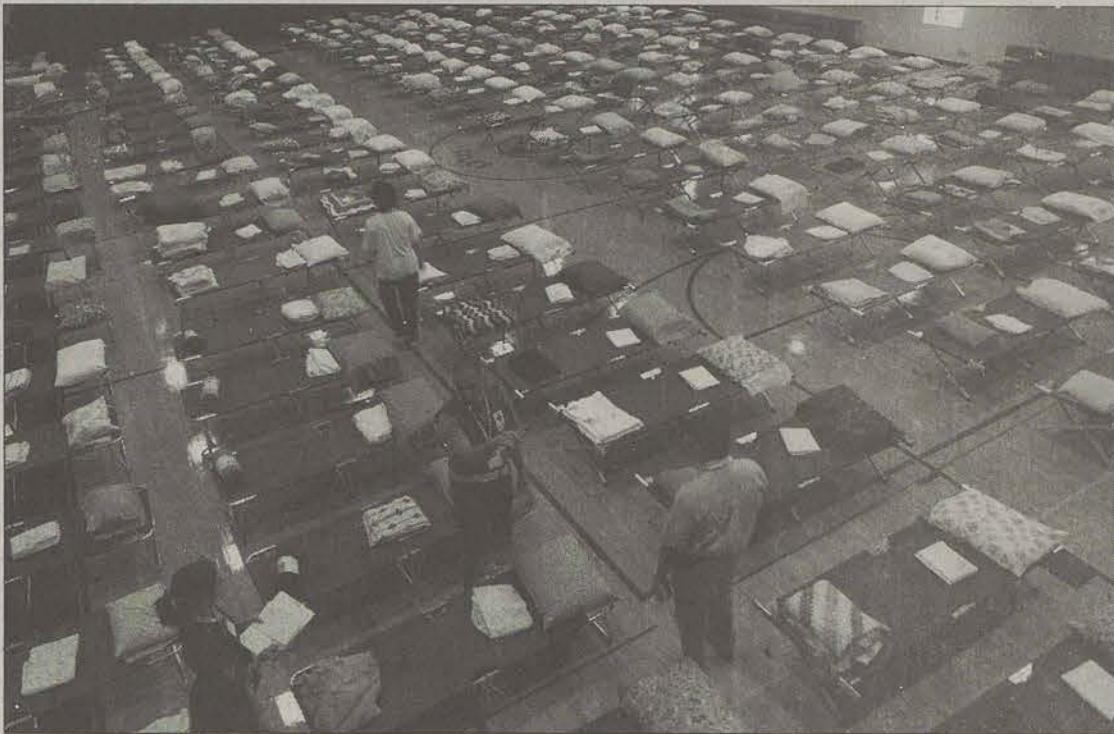
Forecasters said Rita could be the most intense hurricane on record ever to hit Texas, and easily one of the most powerful ever to plow into the U.S. mainland. Category 5 is the highest on the scale, and only three Category 5 hurricanes are known to have hit the U.S. mainland — most recently, Andrew, which smashed South Florida in 1992.

Government officials eager to show they had learned their lessons from the sluggish response to Katrina sent in hundreds of buses to evacuate the poor, moved out hospital and nursing home patients, dispatched truckloads of water, ice and ready-made meals, and put rescue and medical teams on standby. An Army general in Texas was told to be ready to assume control of a military task force in Rita's wake.

"We hope and pray that Hurricane Rita will not be a devastating storm, but we got to be ready for the worst," President Bush said in Washington.

By Wednesday evening, Rita was centered about 580 miles east-southeast of Galveston and was moving west near 13 mph. Forecasters predicted it would come ashore along the central Texas coast between Galveston and Corpus Christi.

But with its breathtaking size



D.J. Peters/Associated Press

Officials prepare for Hurricane Rita evacuees Wednesday at the American Red Cross Shelter at the First Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas.

— tropical storm-force winds extending 350 miles across — practically the entire western end of the U.S. Gulf Coast was in peril, and even a slight rightward turn could prove devastating to the fractured levees protecting New Orleans.

In the Galveston-Houston-Corpus Christi area, about 1.3 million people were under orders to get out, in addition to 20,000 or more along with the Louisiana coast. Special attention was given to hospitals and nursing homes, three weeks after scores of sick and elderly patients in the New Orleans area drowned in Katrina's floodwaters or died in the stifling heat while waiting to be rescued.

Military personnel in South Texas started moving north, too. Schools, businesses and universities were also shut down. Some sporting events were canceled.

Galveston was a virtual ghost town by mid-afternoon Wednesday. In neighborhoods throughout the island city, the few people left were packing the last of their valuables and getting ready to head north.

Helicopters, ambulances and buses were used to evacuate 200 patients from Galveston's only hospital. And at the Edgewater Retirement Com-

munity, a six-story building near the city's seawall, 200 elderly residents were not given a choice.

"They either go with a family member or they go with us, but this building is not safe sitting on the seawall with a major hurricane coming," said David Hastings, executive director. "I have had several say, 'I don't want to go,' and I said, 'I'm sorry, you're going.'"

Galveston, a city of 58,000 on a coastal island 8 feet above sea level, was the site of one of the deadliest natural disasters in U.S. history: an unnamed hurricane in 1900 that killed between 6,000 and 12,000 people and practically wiped the city off the map.

The last major hurricane to strike the Houston area was Category-3 Alicia in 1983. It flooded downtown Houston, spawned 22 tornadoes and left 21 people dead.

In Houston, the state's largest city and home to the highest concentration of Katrina refugees, the area's geography makes evacuation particularly tricky. While many hurricane-prone cities are right on the coast, Houston is 60 miles inland, so a coastal suburban area of 2 million people must evacuate through a metropolitan area of 4 million people where the freeways

are often clogged under the best of circumstances.

Mayor Bill White urged residents to look out for more than themselves.

"There will not be enough government vehicles to go and evacuate everybody in every area," he said. "We need neighbor caring for neighbor."

Houston Police Chief Harold Hurtt issued a stern warning to anyone staying behind that looting would not be tolerated and anyone caught stealing after the storm would be prosecuted.

Nikel

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"I only had one student in the audience," she said. "I didn't offer extra credit and to my knowledge, none of the other (professors) offered extra credit either."

Britt said she wouldn't end Ladies' Lock-Up. Instead, he would meet with his employees and encourage them to "check and re-check" IDs.

Students say they won't be deterred from going to the club by the recent controversy.

"I've always had a good time," said senior Haley Bowers. "We've always left at 11. I can't think of one

time when we stayed 10 minutes past 11."

She admitted some men might visit the bar to take advantage of intoxicated women, but she said that most know the risks associated with staying past 11 p.m.

"It's completely the girls' choice whether she wants to take a chance and stay," said Bowers. "Guys know there will be wasted girls there."

Rachel Dobson, a sophomore who attended Tuesday's city council meeting, said she had applied for a protest permit and she hopes to picket against the Nikel in the coming weeks.

Before that, she aims to hold information sessions to gauge support for her efforts.

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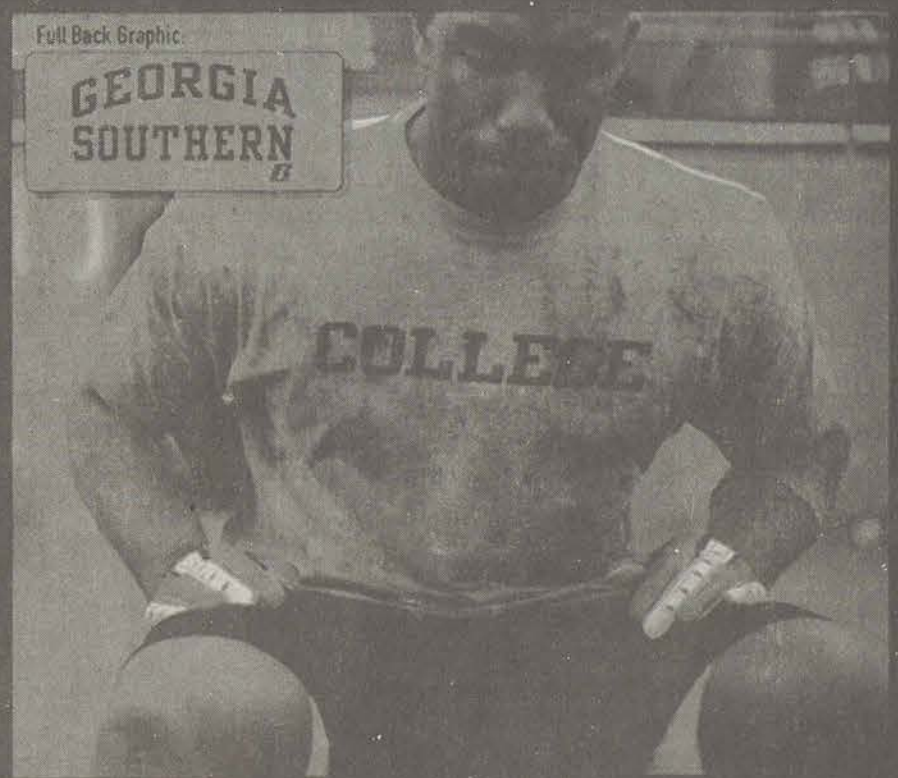
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Mystic Arts Horoscope

Today's Birthday (09-22-05). Be frugal, yet expansive, this year. By extra careful shopping; you can advance quite a way into unfamiliar territory, quite successfully.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) _ Today is a 6 _ Once you've decided what you want to accomplish, the next step is to figure out how. Start by getting some books on the subject.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) _ Today is a 7 _ Conditions are getting better for making money. You'll be happy to learn there are lots of creative opportunities to do that, and more coming in daily.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) _ Today is an 8 _ You should feel pretty good about the job you've recently done. Finish it up, so you can relax and play with the ones you love.

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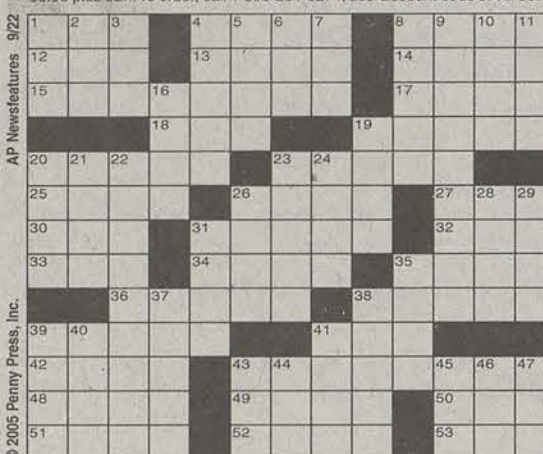
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- Masculine title
- Black-eyed vegetable
- Restless
- Luau wreaths
- List
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- Nationality suffix
- Ways to lose
- General rank
- Fence door
- Gang ending
- Mugs
- Popular cookie
- Baking
- Poems by Keats
- General ticket
- Ampules
- Shade trees
- Imperfection
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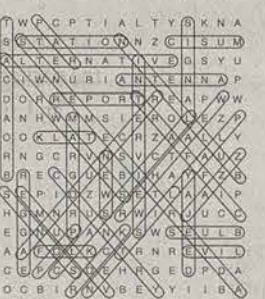
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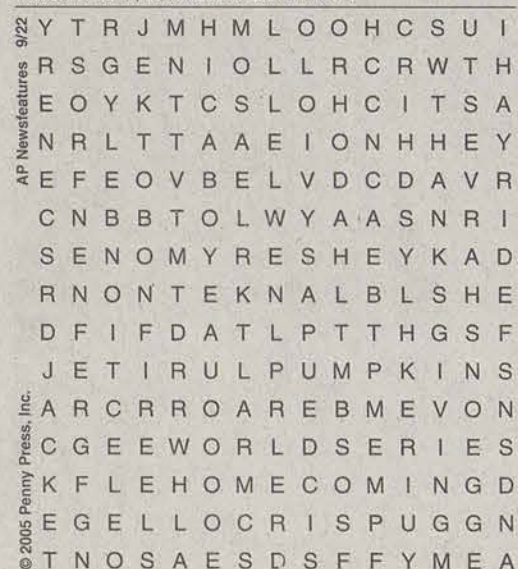
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DVD/Video Releases

'Lords of Dogtown'

The true story of the kids who created modern skateboard culture is recreated in this drama. Tony Alva (Victor Rasuk), Stacy Peralta (John Robinson), and Jay Adams (Emile Hirsch) were three guys who liked to surf the rugged beaches around Venice and hung out at the Zephyr Surf Shop, a store run by Skip Engblom (Heath Ledger). Tony, Stacy, and Jay began exploring ways to translate radical surf style to skateboarding, and the guys invented a new way to stay inside the smooth, round surfaces of empty pools, employing vertical moves and edge flips that added a new and dramatic spin to skating. Word spread quickly about the wild new style of the Z-Boys, and they became local celebrities, and later nationwide skating stars, though sudden fame took its toll on these young men.



'Family Guy Presents Stewie Griffin: The Untold Story'

Family Guy's resurrection is a television miracle, and its creators have rewarded the faithful by picking up right where they left off, offending any and all sensibilities (re-casting Jesus as comic magician Art Metrano), dissing the celebrity disenfranchised, and generally taking potshots at anyone on their enemies list (Stewie breaks the neck of a reporter for Entertainment Weekly, the magazine that once called Family Guy "the Awful Show They Just Keep Putting on the Air"). The Untold Story! is a star vehicle for Family Guy's breakout character, in which the mega maniacal and matricidal infant has a Grinch-like change of heart after a near-death experience (and a disturbing encounter with Steve Allen in Hell) and, more life-altering, discovers a football-pated man who could be his father (the truth is more shocking!).



'Gilmore Girls' Season 4

This award-winning WB series is an intelligent, heartfelt drama about a mother and daughter navigating their turbulent world together as both best friends and mother and daughter. Lorelai Gilmore (Lauren Graham) is a single mom living in idyllic Stars Falls, CT, and her daughter Rory (Alexis Bledel) is her closest confidant; the two share an independent spirit, a taste for literature, and gorgeous blue eyes. In the fourth season Lorelai manages to have an affair with her father's partner while also opening the Dragonfly Inn; Rory starts college but can't seem to meet the right guy.



-Associated Press

'Boro Tunes Up For Fall

GSU alumnus Luke Bryan comes to Legends for special performance

By Naomi Bryant
Staff writer

Statesboro can be a very slow moving town, but expect the pace to pick up this Friday when Luke Bryan performs at Legends. Bryan is expected to hit the stage sometime around 10:30 p.m.

Producers have called him "the hottest thing out of Georgia since Sherman burned Atlanta," and he's teetering on the brink of fame.

Bryan has come a long way from his hometown of Leesburg, Georgia, where he became interested in music.

He sang at home for his family and was involved in writing and leading music at the Leesburg Baptist Church. By the time he was a senior in high school, Bryan and several of his friends had formed the band Neyami Road. They performed at a local club and quickly gained popularity.

Instead of moving to Nashville immediately after high school, Bryan enrolled in Georgia Southern.



Special Photo
Luke Bryan set to appear at Legends Friday, Sept. 23 at 10:30 p.m.

As a student, Bryan continued to perform and has been playing at Legends since. He graduated with a degree in business administration and pursued a career in music.

In 2003, Bryan moved to Nashville and landed a job as a songwriter. Soon afterwards, he signed with Capitol Records and began recording his own music. His album is scheduled for release this year.

"He's going to be one of the guys you see on CMT or GAC," said Will Britt, the owner of Legends. He describes Bryan as "the nicest guy you've ever met, and good-looking, too."

Bryan's shows are known for their high energy, and a huge crowd is expected to attend the performance. Admission is \$6 at the door and there is a two-for-one drink special until 11 p.m.

For country music fans, this is a great opportunity to see "the next big thing," and for those bored with Statesboro's beat, this is a great chance to hear a new tune.

Nitty Gritty Band perform to packed house at the PAC

By Anthony Fierstos
Staff writer

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band is back on the road after a nearly sold out performance at the PAC last Thursday. The band has been together for almost 40 years, and, in that time, has won three Grammy awards and has produced over 30 records. Number one hits include the ever popular "Mr. Bojangles," and "Fishin' in the Dark."

The crowd of handsomely dressed older Statesboro natives made their way through the crowd and down to their seats in the talkative and jovial atmosphere. The mysteriously low number of students in attendance was explained by the fact that over 75 percent of seats at the PAC are reserved for season ticket holders.

Starting at 8 p.m., the show went on for over an hour and a half, with a brief set break. High points included a country and bluegrass cover of "My Walkin' Shoes," which was the first song with finger-picking banjo. The song also included a rock and roll style harmonica solo by drummer Jimmie Fadden and a three-part harmony, the only such interlude in the show. Another highlight was the original "Roll the Stone Away," which was also nominated for a Grammy. This track was recorded for the "Will the Circle Be Unbroken III" album, which was released in 2002 and drew accolades from fans and music critics alike. The number has a great hook and featured the smoking fiddle playing of John McEuen, who also picks guitar, mandolin and banjo for the group.

The second set opened with "Mr.



Gina Neville/Special Photo

Grammy winning Nitty Gritty Dirt Band performed to a packed house at the PAC.

Bojangles." This served to wake up the crowd, who then took control for a sing along of the song's chorus. This was as involved as the audience got during the show.

The band also played a tune that has become a recent hit for country group Rascal Flatts. It is a mellow love song titled "The Broken Road." The tune was written for an out of print Nitty Gritty album entitled "Acoustic." According to lead singer and guitar player Jeff Hanna, the album will be re-released within 2 weeks.

All in all, the concert was a solid one—well worth the \$10 tickets that were available for students before the show began. The band seemed to hold back, however, leaving something (particularly fast pickin' hard rockin'

bluegrass jams) to be desired. Obviously, when the band is playing to a group of AARP members, the dominant part of the show will be comprised of love ballads, which it was.

The group, more importantly, showed an incredible sense of humor, noting that they usually play in rooms with neon Budweiser signs adorning stained walls in smoke-filled bars.

The zenith of the show came during a version of the beach bum classic "Coconut Grove." Lyrics traditionally include the line "It's not that I'm not interested, you see; Augusta, Georgia is just no place to be." Hanna changed the verse, and to the delight of the crowd, sang "It's not that I'm not interested, you see; down in south Georgia is the place to be."

DOWN SOUTH SEX COLUMN

Sex, condoms and 'monkey in-the-middle'

When I decided to take on the job of sex columnist and essential sexual cheerleader to the masses, I didn't take into consideration all that this job was going to entail. Nay, upon the dropping of my first column, I sat Thursday night ogling my computer screen as I quickly scrolled down my incoming e-mails with a look that was a cross between sheer shock, slight giddiness and horror. It was a pretty face. Such an outpour of love, questions and stories that rocked my world, they were so incredibly gruesome... I immediately had more than enough to start a good month's worth of columns!

After getting over the initial shock of all of this reading I was going to have to do, I jumped right in and, as I was reading this unnecessarily descriptive story involving a Fruit by the Foot, I got to thinking about where exactly I should start on my next installment. I came to the conclusion that there was a fine line between entertaining people and scaring them and figured that if I'm going to have a sex column, I should probably do a quick recap of contraceptives before I send you all off trying new things and whatnot.



Kori Ramsey is a junior from Roswell. She writes 'Down South' for The Hiatus on Thursdays.

I feel as though it would be an insult to all of you by figuring that none of you know what a condom is. Most of us get this talk somewhere around middle school (some earlier than others I suppose, when they stumble groggily into their parents room upon a "closed door" night after a horrific nightmare about giant chocolate bars with teeth... poor guy). It's the most basic form of contraceptive out there, and also the cheapest. And by cheapest, I mean free to all Georgia Southern students if you stop by the Health Center. (Shameless plug for the Health Center...? Ay?)

I believe that enduring a total of 10 seconds of uncomfortable conversation between you and the receptionist gets you ten Durex condoms and a complimentary tube of lube. At least that is what I remember from my one-time experience of getting them (freshman year I was hell-bent on the fact that the boy should pick them up; since then my views have since changed). I remember the tube of lube best since while trying to quickly shove the package into my purse, my two best friends ran into me and snatched the pack from my quivering hands, thus dumping the contents to the ground. They immediately began to make my life miserable with a game of "monkey-in-the-middle" with my lube. Then again, boys will be boys.

However, I have strayed from my point, which is that there are FREE contraceptives in the Health Center. They are big fans of this type of contraceptives and will distribute it freely to the sexually active. They are such huge fans of this that if I wanted to fill hundreds of condoms with helium and fly around campus like some Safe Sex Zeppelin, they would probably endorse me. However, if you are completely opposed to all things free and just have to have that Trojan extra sensitive-multiple climax-inducing-Cristal-flavored-heat-of-a-thousand fires condom, then go to Walmart and buy a 12-pack for \$6.42, which is more than a 6-pack of Natural Light beer (\$5.87). That probably tastes the same, but leaves you with a whole slew of different feelings.

So, condom...check!

On to the ladies...there are MANY (and I stress this) MANY more things out there to keep us from waking up one morning to the screams of an infant. For one, there's the Pill, the shot, the ring, the patch...etc. However, the Pill, the shot, the ring and the patch will not save you from being inducted into Freddy the Frat Boy's STD Fraternity.

With that being said, the next time you are out and you've gotten to that point in the night when the pink shorts and boat shoes are looking particularly hot, make sure the kid wraps his junk, or else you might wake up with a lot more than what you bargained for after the beer goggles wear off.

A few last bits of advice for safe sex before I depart for the week and scan through some more e-mails:

Pulling out does not, no matter what you think, prevent you from getting STDs or kids there's this little thing called premature ejaculation. Inventing make-shift condoms of any kind is a BAD idea. I don't care how appealing shrink wrap (or Fruit by the Foot) is. At this point, I should instill some sort of parental warning from "the talk" in saying "the safest way to avoid having children and getting STDs is by not having sex at all." We should all know by now that when parents say not to do things, we just want to do them even more to prove them wrong.

You can e-mail Kori at jramsey2@email.georgia-southern.edu.

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24 The GSU Botanical Garden will hold a plant swap at 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.



26 Cinema Arts presents "Winter Sleepers," at 7:15 p.m. in the Russell Union Theatre. Admission is \$2 with GSU Eagle ID.

Spike Lee Lecture - "The World We Live In." Doors open at 6 p.m., lecture begins at 7 p.m. Trustees Theater - 216 E. Broughton Street. Savannah College of Art and Design is sponsoring this free event.

27 "Symphony Masterworks I" - Mastero Chay Cheung's inaugural concert as music director of the Statesboro-Georgia Southern Symphony. Performing Arts Center. For ticket information, contact the box office at 912-486-7999.

'The Lord of War' passionately shoots with realism at local and national theaters

By Heidi King
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"There are over 550 million firearms in worldwide circulation. That's one firearm for every 12 people on the planet. The only question is: How do we arm the other 11?"—Yuri Orlov (Nicolas Cage)

My mind stirs in silence—where do I begin? How does one crawl out of this insightful abyss of passion and violence? The icy topic of arms dealing (gunrunning) ignites a furor of morals, beliefs and maxims. But luckily, there now is a movie to help people understand what arms dealing really is—an industry with millions of dollars to be earned.

The "Lord of War" cleverly subjects itself to the life of Yuri Orlov, the son of a Ukrainian family who is seeking asylum from the Soviet Union under the false-guise of Judaism.

Life is cutthroat in their new America; Yuri seems to always discover that he was five minutes late or early to what appears to be every mob shootout in town.

Ironically, Yuri experiences a shootout while having a revolver aimed at his head. He then has a clear goal in life—to deal arms.

"The first gun deal is like the first time you've had sex—you're nervous, don't know what to do, but

'The Lord of War'

Cast: Nicolas Cage, Bridget Moynahan, Jared Leto, Shake Tukhmanyan

Running time: 122 minutes
Rating: R

Showtimes: 4:15 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

Grade - 5 of 5 ★★★★★

it's the excitement that keeps you," says Yuri. After many deals with the neighboring mobs, he quickly realizes that the big money is made in other countries—violent warlike countries.

Beginning in territories that were previously occupied by American forces, Yuri gathers and sells the weaponry left behind (it is too expensive to ship old firearms when our factories are making hundreds a second) and sells the arms per kilogram to locals.

Making connections and gaining social influence, Yuri soon is the chief supplier and possesses his own fleet of planes and carriers. All that is missing now is a family and an enemy which come along soon enough.

During the opening credits, we witness the life of a bullet—from the factory to the buyer, from the

user to the victim. But the movie is in no way grim; it is really quite lofty, with entertaining dialogue and need-to-know facts.

"Lord of War" is not political nor meant to display favoritism—it is about the enterprise of gunrunning. Yuri Orlov remarks that he is a "one-man genocide," but is well prepared to defend his insights on gun dealing.

While researching the film, I found that director Andrew Niccol had loosely based "Lord of War" on the life of Victor Bout, a notorious arms dealer outlawed by many countries and hired by the Bush Administration to aid in the Iraq situation.

The director even incorporated true gun dealers into the movie: "We worked with actual gunrunners in the making of the film. The tanks lined up for sale were owned by a gunrunner who had to have them back to sell to another country. We used a real stockpile of over 3,000 AK-47s because it was cheaper than getting prop guns. The gunrunners were more cooperative and efficient than the studio or the crew (imdb.com)."

Now is that true business or what? This movie is worth more than one viewing—I would even see it again at full theater price!



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Age: 19
Year: Freshman

Major: Pre-Med

Hometown: Savannah, Ga.

What did you pay for it? \$12,000

How much money have you put into it since you have bought it? \$5,000 - \$6,000

What is the most expensive feature on it? The House of Colors candy paint.

What makes your car stand out? The pink color.

What is one thing you would like to do to customize your vehicle that you haven't yet done?

I am going to put air bags, suspension and vertical doors on it.

When you ride through a parking lot, what do you think people say about your car? Whoa, it's pink.

When you are in your car, how do you feel? I feel a little superior because I beat all of the boys.

How do you take care of your car? I wash it all the time and do regular maintenance on it.



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